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SUBJECT: LIBYA SPONSORS "ARABISTAN" CONFERENCE

1. A CONFERENCE CALLED THE NATIONAL ARAB FESTIVAL OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ARABISTAN WAS HELD IN TRIPOLI APRIL 23-26. DETAILS OF THE AGENDA AND PARTICIPANTS WERE SPARSE DESPITE LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP, ALTHOUGH A SIZEABLE CONTINGENT FROM IRAQ WAS PRESENT IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO GROUPS CALLING THEMSELVES THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARABISTAN AND THE UNITED ARAB MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF KATTANI.

2. CONVERENCE WAS THE HANDIWORK OF THE ARAB LIAISON BUREAU OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. THIS BUREAU IS CHARGED WITH HANDLING ALL CONTACTS WITH ARAB POLITICAL AND PAN-ISLAMIC "LIBERATION" MOVEMENTS, AS OPPOSED TO THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU WHICH HANDLES NON-ARAB POLITICAL CONTACTS AND THE LIBYAN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT (MINISTRY) WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULAR DIPLOMATIC DEALINGS. ACCORDING TO ONE ARAB SOURCE, THE ARABISTAN CONFERENCE WAS LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL. ALTHOUGH A LARGE IRAQI DELEGATION PARTICIPATED, IT

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APPARENTLY TOOK CONSIDERABLE UMBRAGE AT WHAT IT THOUGHT WAS A LIBYAN ATTEMPT TO MOVE IN ON WHAT HERETOFORE HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVELY IRAQI TURF. CONSEQUENTLY, PRESS COVERAGE WAS RESTRAINED.

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